

REMARKS CONCERNING THE AMENDMENTS

The above amendments have been made in an effort to more clearly define a narrower scope of the present invention and to place claims into immediate condition for allowance. Claims that were objected to as depending from a rejected claim have been combined to place them in condition for allowance. The new independent claims comprise the allowable subject matter and all claims, including intervening limitations, from which they depend. Other claims have been amended so that they properly depend from these amended, allowable independent claims, and should themselves be allowable.

Claims 1-4, 8, 10, 27, 28 and 30-53 have been cancelled.

Claims 5-7, 9, 11-26 and 29 are in condition for allowance.

SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS AND THE RESPONSE

All rejections of record have been rendered moot. The amendment constructs a claim set with only claims that have been specifically allowed (Claims 17-23); claims that had been objected to as allowable but depending from a rejected claims have been amended to place them into independent form or dependent from an allowed or allowable claim (Claims 5-12 and 29); and claims that have been made dependent from allowed or amended allowable claims (Claims 13-16 and 24-26). All other claims have been cancelled.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application and claims are now in proper order and in condition for allowance. **If the Examiner believes that any issues remain that can be resolved by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the attorney of record.** Please direct any inquiries to the undersigned attorney at (952) 832-9090.

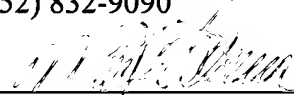
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